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From: Wendy King [wking@tulane.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 8:57 PM
To: Y12EIS
Subject: "New" Nuclear War

Dear Mr. Gary Hartman:
I'm shocked by the decision to fund a nuclear weapons lab at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At a time when our country's allies have objected to a new arms race, in the form of an SDI-type model, and our most vulnerable citizens' needs go largely unaddressed by this administration, the last this country needs is another nuclear weapons lab, funded and managed by a Pentagon with fond memories of the Cold War.

It is time to permanently shelve this expensive and foolhardy project, and redirect the billions of dollars in funding towards human needs.

While I'm glad that the Bush Administration is looking for ways to upgrade military pay scales and housing for its servicepeople, I'm equally shocked that it would okay billions of dollars for a nuclear weapons testing lab, when there is so little need for these weapons.

Sincerely,

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